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TOPIC Headquarters of Marshal Rokossowski in Warsaw, AAA near Bielany and other Military Installations 25X1

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1. Prior to late May 1951, the headquarters of Marshal Rokossowski was in a one-story building in the Belvedere Park, several hundred meters south from Belvedere castle, the residence of the Polish President, Bierut. The two buildings were guarded by sentries with green collar patches. A red and white flag was on the marshal's building when he was there. Military motor vehicle traffic on the approach road invariably was very heavy.<sup>1</sup>
2. In late May 1951, large garages for military and civilian motor vehicles were on the south side of ul. Nowowiejska. No details were available.
3. In September 1951, an installation consisting of 12 to 15 brick buildings, surrounded by a fence, was north of the town near the Bielany airfield. It quartered an AAA unit. A total of 20 to 25 AA guns, similar to the former German 88-mm AA gun, several searchlights, and 30 to 40 trucks were seen inside the fence.<sup>2</sup>
4. Prior to December 1951, a large number of parked heavy AA guns was often seen in the south town districts of Bluzewiec on the south side of Al. Lotnikow which continues to the west as ul. Wyszogowa.<sup>3</sup>
5. Prior to March 1951, German and Polish convicts were transported from convict camps near Warsaw to industrial centers in Upper Silesia. Some who were sent back because of illness reported that soldiers were employed in all the mines known to them. After finishing six months of basic military training, the soldiers had been forced to serve in the mines for 12 months.<sup>4</sup>

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- cap visors for officers and other grades were made of black japanned plastic with an inserted brass edge. The chin strap was of black leather with 2 bright buttons on the sides. Officers' caps were of stockinet and were fitted with a twisted cord for chin straps. They were delivered without brass edges. The visorless sailors' hats were made of dark-blue cloth with black cotton ribbon and had a gold inscription. They were higher than the other military caps.<sup>5</sup>

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- 25X1 1. [ ] Comment. The green service color was previously reported with WOP. The unit mentioned here apparently is a special guard unit.
- 25X1 2. [ ] Comment. An AAA barracks installation near Bielany airfield was reported in the fall of 1951. Although this installation had modern three-story buildings instead of low brick or wooden buildings, it is believed to be the installation mentioned in the present report. See [ ]
- 25X1 3. [ ] Comment. This parking area is believed to belong to the Basa Arsenal in the Sluzewiec town district.
- 25X1 4. [ ] Comment. Employment of military labor units in the Upper Silesian mines has been repeatedly reported. The personnel of these units includes those who are politically unreliable and other persons serving a kind of substitute military service which is provided by law.
- 25X1 5. [ ] Comment. Other service colors known are sky-blue for the air force and black for antitank units.

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